

REGULAR MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL-AUGUST 25,2003

The regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Bellm, Haddad, Hawkins, Holinko, Paterson, Clouette, Schaefer, Martin, Thorkelson

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to approve the minutes of July 28, 2003.

So passed. Mayor Paterson, Mr. Clouette, Mr. Schaefer and Mr. Thorkelson abstained.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

None.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. Issues Regarding the UConn Landfill including the UConn Consent Order, Public Participation

2. Bonding for Proposed Modular Classrooms

Superintendent Gordon Schimmel, Assistant Superintendent Fred Baruzzi and Board of Education Chairman William Simpson discussed the issue of modular classrooms for all day kindergarten classes and the recent legislation "No child left behind". After much discussion Mr. Thorkelson moved and Mr. Holinko seconded to adopt the following resolution: Resolved, effective August 25, 2003, to adopt the attached resolutions prepared by the town's bond counsel to appropriate \$800,000.00 for the acquisition and installation of two modular classrooms at each of the Goodwin and Vinton Elementary Schools, to authorize the issuance of bonds and notes in the same amount to finance the appropriation, and to schedule a referendum on November 4, 2003 concerning the acquisition and installation of the four modular classrooms.

Roll call vote:

In favor: Haddad, Paterson, Schaefer, Thorkelson

Against: Bellm, Hawkins, Holinko, Clouette, Martin

Motion failed.

3. Storrs Center Development Project

For information only, no action taken.

4. Underage Drinking, University Spring Weekend and President Austin's Task Force on Substance Abuse

For information only, no action taken.

V. NEW BUSINESS

5. Financial Statements dated June 30, 2003

Mr. Martin moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to refer the Financial Statements dated June 30, 2003 to the Finance Committee.

So passed unanimously.

6. Budget Transfers for Fiscal Year 2002/03

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded that effective August 25, 2003, to authorize the budget transfers for fiscal year 2002/03, as recommended by the Director of Finance.

So passed unanimously.

7. CL & P Rate Cases-Financing of CCM Intervention in DPUC Rate Setting

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded that effective August 25, 2003, to authorize the Town's initial participation in the financing of the CCM intervention in DPUC rate setting.

So passed unanimously.

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Martin seconded to add item 7a Fire Services Management Project to the agenda.

So passed unanimously.

7a. Fire Services Management Project

Mr. Bellm moved and Mr. Thorkelson moved to add a Council member to the Management Team discussing the issue of Fire and Emergency Services.

So passed unanimously.

Mr. Martin moved and Mr. Holinko seconded to appoint Mr. Alan Hawkins as the Council representative to the Fire and Emergency Services Management Team.

So passed unanimously.

VI. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

VII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

VIII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

IX. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

There will be Fireworks on September 6, 2003 at Mansfield Hollow State Park beginning at 8:00 p.m. Parking will be on Bassetts Bridge Road.

UConn had fireworks for the freshmen on campus. Neighbors surrounding the campus were told of the event in advance of the program.

The State did adopt the budget for this year. Rep. Denise Merrill informed the Town that it would be receiving a School Readiness grant however the funds will continue on a pay down basis.

The Downtown Partnership has received its non-profit status.

The Community Center is moving along, the walking tract is being installed. Donations to the Center have been up to \$37,000.00 with approximately 950-1,000 memberships sold.

The University of Connecticut is building poultry facility on Horsebarn Hill.

X. FUTURE AGENDAS

Question: can students who have leased apartments in town have their cars placed on the town's tax list? If students hold a Connecticut driver's license with a Mansfield address, is their car registration automatically transferred to Mansfield?

XI. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

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8. Governor Signs State Budget: Implementer Bills Passed, Impact on Mansfield
9. Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission Application Referral-4 lot Subdivision on North Side of Brown's Road
10. Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection-Invitation to Open House re: Engineering Design Plans for Capping UConn Landfill
11. Connecticut Department of Public Safety re: FY 2003 State Homeland Security Grant Program Decontamination Trailer
12. I. Mattingly re: In-yard Trash collection
13. E. Moran re: Mansfield Summer Challenge Program
14. University of Connecticut Division of Student Affairs: Fireworks
15. Government Finance Officers Association re: Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for Comprehensive Annual Financial Report
16. Town of Mansfield-Tercentennial Ball

17.Town-owned Land and Conservation Easements as of July 1, 2003

18.Town of Mansfield-Tercentennial Fireworks

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Not needed

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bellm moved and Mr. Martin seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

So passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Joan E. Gerdson, Town Clerk